Maidangarhi. The illegal constructions have been removed on 18-11-99 and the possession of land measuring 321 bighas and 14 biswas has been taken over.

Poverty Alleviation Programmes in Orissa

2594. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of poverty alleviation programmes being implemented in the country, particularly in Orissa and achievements made during the last two years ;

(b) what poverty alleviation programmes have been launched or proposed to be launched especially for Orissa where vast population has fallen below poverty line as a result of the super cyclone last year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA) : (a) Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY), a new scheme for the urban poor, was launched with effect from 01-12-1997 by the Government as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, on all India basis and is applicable to Orissa also. Details showing financial and physical achievements under the scheme during the last two years on all India basis and in Orissa are as under :—

FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENT

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the State	Released during 1998-99	Released during 1999-2000	Total amount Released 1998-2000
All India	15847.00	11877.29	27724.29
Orissa	360.44	460.83	821.21

PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS

	All India	Orissa
Number of persons assisted under Urban Self-Employment Programme (USEP)	170492	4873
Number of mandays of work generated under Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP)	155.30 lakhs	14.78 lakhs
Number of persons benefited under Community Structure Component	254.06 lakhs	12.07 lakhs

(b) No new scheme has been launched by this Ministry in Orissa last year in the wake of the super cyclone:

(c) The existing scheme if implemented effectively can help the urban poor. This Ministry has communicated to the Chief Minister of Orissa, a letter granting more flexibility in utilising the funds under SJSRY for better implementation of the scheme in the wake of the super cyclone.

FUNDS FOR URBAN EMPLOMENT AND POVERTY ERADICATION IN TAMIL NADU

2595. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ : Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount sanctioned for the purpose of providing urban employment and eradicating poverty inTamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise:

(b) what is the total amount spent and the status of the result achieved by Tamil Nadu:

(c) what is the criteria adopted for sanctioning these funds; and

(d) what steps are being taken to monitor that these funds are spent for the actual projects for which they are undertaken?